

## Assembly Bill No. 1915

### CHAPTER 80

An act to add Section 4467 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the assignment of a specific license number to a motor vehicle, which may be changed only upon application to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and under certain circumstances. Existing law provides for controls on the replacement of lost, stolen, or mutilated license plates when the applicant provides an address different from that in DMV records.

This bill would require the DMV to provide a new set of license plates to a registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits a completed application and also presents to the DMV the previously issued plates, proof of identity and vehicle ownership, and either evidence of victimization by a domestic abuser or evidence of efforts to get assistance in regard to the domestic abuse, as specified. This bill would exempt special interest license plates from this requirement.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 4467 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

4467. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall issue new and different license plates immediately upon request to the registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits a completed application, if all of the following are presented:

(1) Proof of ownership of the vehicle that is acceptable to the department.

(2) A driver's license or identification card containing a picture of the licensee or cardholder issued to the registered owner by the department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 12500) of Division 6. The department shall conduct a search of its records to verify the authenticity of any document submitted under this paragraph.

(3) The previously issued license plates from the vehicle.

(4) One of the following:

(A) A copy of a police report identifying the registered owner of the vehicle as the victim of an incident of domestic violence.

(B) A written acknowledgment, dated within 30 days of submission, on the letterhead of a domestic violence agency, that the registered owner is actively seeking assistance or has sought assistance from the agency within the past year.

(C) An active protective order as defined in Section 6218 of the Family Code, or issued pursuant to Section 527.6 or 527.8 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which names the registered owner as a protected party.

(b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to special interest license plates.

